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Seniors and Accessibility Advisory Committee

Monday, June 17, 2024 | **4:00 PM** | **Sir Robert Barrie Room**

SENIORS AND ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT
For Consideration by the Community Safety Committee on September 25, 2024.

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Councillor, N. Nigussie at 4:03 p.m. The following were in attendance for the meeting:

Present: 8 - Councillor, N. Nigussie
C. Kenwell
R. Garvin
G. Kavanagh
K. MacDonald
R. Meier
H. Platt
L. Pope

Absent: 2 - W. Delo
E. Saba

ALSO PRESENT:
Councillor, C. Nixon

STAFF:
Associate Director of Communications and Customer Service, C. Harris
Legislative Coordinator, D. Glenn
Manager of Health and Safety, K. Cooper

The Seniors and Accessibility Advisory Committee met and reports as follows:

MULTI-YEAR ACCESSIBILITY PLAN

Karen Cooper, Manager of Health and Safety reviewed the 2019-2024 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan with the committee. Karen highlighted that there have been some structure changes within the organization and those changes will be updated within the document. Karen sought feedback from the committee with respect to any area's members wanted updated. Committee members asked questions relating to what projects the city has currently undertaken that relate to seniors and accessibility, and if there are any upcoming projects that need the committee's input. Karen will connect with Development Services with respect to any upcoming projects and report back to the committee. Karen advised that a new Multi-Year Accessibility Plan needs to be created before the end of 2024. Karen and the Chair will connect offline to initiate the work that needs to be done on the Accessibility Plan. The committee asked Karen to bring a presentation regarding the new proposed Multi-Year Accessibility Plan to the next committee meeting.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION SURVEY

Karen Cooper, Manager of Health and Safety, reviewed the Age and Accessibility Public Consultation Survey with the committee. Members provided the following feedback:

- Removing the insufficient housing question on page five and updating it to include a question relating to purpose-built housing versus conversion housing;
- Adding a question around accessibility buttons and their locations/usage;
- Adding a question around ageism and if that has an affect on Senior's finding jobs; and
- Updating a few of the main question titles.

Chair, Councillor Nigussie, asked that a question be included to ask if members of the public feel safe going downtown and to the local city parks. Cheri Harris, Associate Director of Communications and Customer Service advised that the goal is to have the survey go live in September. Karen and Cheri agreed to bring back a final draft version to the committee for review before publishing for people to complete.

AGE-FRIENDLY SENIORS HOUSING GRANT PROGRAM

Chair, Councillor, N. Nigussie reviewed the Age-Friendly Seniors Housing Grant Program with the committee and explained that the program is run through the County of Simcoe. The committee suggested that a representative from the County of Simcoe attend a future meeting to discuss this Housing Grant Program. Karen Cooper, Manager of Health and Safety advised that she has reached out to Dawn McAlpine, General Manager of Community and Corporate Services to get her assistance in connecting with the County. Karen will provide an update to the committee at a future meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:47 p.m.
CHAIRMAN